

**Remarks/Arguments:**

By this Amendment, applicant has amended claims 1 and 8, and cancelled claims 5-7. Accordingly, claims 1-4 and 8-10 are pending.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's finding that dependant claims 7 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection. More specifically, applicant has incorporated the allowable subject matter of claim 7 into claim 1. Applicant therefore contends that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

**Claim Rejections under Section 112**

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically the Examiner has objected to the use of the phrase "and the like" in the preamble of claim 1. Applicant has amended claim 1 by deleting this phrase and therefore has overcome the section 112, second paragraph, rejection.

Applicant respectfully submits that all are in full compliance with section 112.

**Claim Rejections under Sections 102 and 103**

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sunaga; claims 2, 3, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatenable over Sunaga; claims 1-3 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nishiyama; and claims 4, 5, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatenable over Nishiyama. By this Amendment, applicant respectfully traverses the Section 102 and Section 103 rejections.

Applicant has amended claim 1 by incorporating the subject matter of claims 5, 6 and 7 therein. Claim 7 has been found to include allowable subject matter. Applicant submits that the feature of claim 7 is neither taught nor suggested in the Sunaga patent or the Nishiyama

document. With this amendment to claim 1, applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is in condition for allowance and requests that the Section 102 and Section 103 rejections to all pending claims be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-4 and 8-10 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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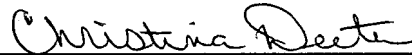
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